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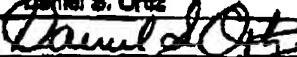
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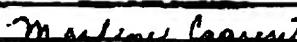
<b>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>	
Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Application Number <b>10/088,380</b> Filing Date <b>June 23, 2002</b> First Named Inventor <b>Wauthan, Manfred</b> Art Unit <b>1751</b> Examiner Name <b>Necholus Ogden, Jr.</b> Attorney Docket Number <b>C 2084 PCT/US</b>

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